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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: MRS. KISSINGER'S SCHEDULE

1. YOU ARE WISE NOT TO ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY ON HIS SECOND DAY TOUR. EVERYTIME THE INDIANS THINK UP A UNIVERSITY FOR HIM TO VISIT, IT TURNS OUT TO BE ON STRIKE, AND WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS GOING.

2. IF YOU WILL TAKE MY WORD FOR IT, WE CAN PUT TOGETHER A LOVELY TWO DAYS. FIRST OF ALL, REMEMBER YOU WILL BE STAYING IN LUYTEN'S GREAT VICEROY'S PALACE, NOW RASHTRAPHATHI BHAVAN, WHICH IS SPLENDID, AND HAS SPLENDID GROUNDS. WORTH A DAY LOOKING AT IT ALONE.

3. ON MONDAY MORNING LET'S HAVE YOU VISIT THE QUTB MINAR, A GREAT TOWER, ONE OF THE WONDERS OF THE MEDIEVAL WORLD, AND HAUZ KHAS, A DELIGHTFUL, SMALL SET OF FOURTEENTH CENTURY PAVILLIONS AND GARDENS. EASILY DONE IN TWO HOURS. YOU WILL SEE SOMETHING OF INDIA, BUT WILL COMPLETELY AVOID THE CROWDS WHICH, FRANKLY FEW PERSONS ARE PREPARED FOR ON THEIR FIRST VISIT. IN THE AFTERNOON WE WILL SCHEDULE SOME SHOPPING AT COTTAGE INDUSTRIES. A THOROUGHLY PLEASANT SETTING. YOU CAN SPEND TEN MINUTES IF YOU LIKE, OR LONGER, AS YOU WISH.

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4. AS THE NAME IMPLIES, THESE ARE NEW DELHI OUTLETS

FOR REGIONAL CRAFTS. IN SHOPPING THERE YOU SUPPORT CE
ENTERPRISE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE FEW SUCCESSFUL MERCHANDISING
IDEAS THE INDIANS HAVE EVER HAD.

5. ON TUESDAY, THE TAJ MAHAL AND FATHEPURSIKRI. TWO OF
THE GREATEST SIGHTS IN THE WORLD. DON'T WORRY ABOUT
YOUR HUSBAND'S LECTURE; IT TAKES PLACE THE PREVIOUS
DAY WHEN YOU ARE FREE. TRANSPORTATION IS A
SLIGHT PROBLEM, BUT WE ARE WORKING ON IT.

6. THE INDIAN WEATHER, IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR ARRIVAL
GROWS MORE LOVELY, DAY BY DAY.
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